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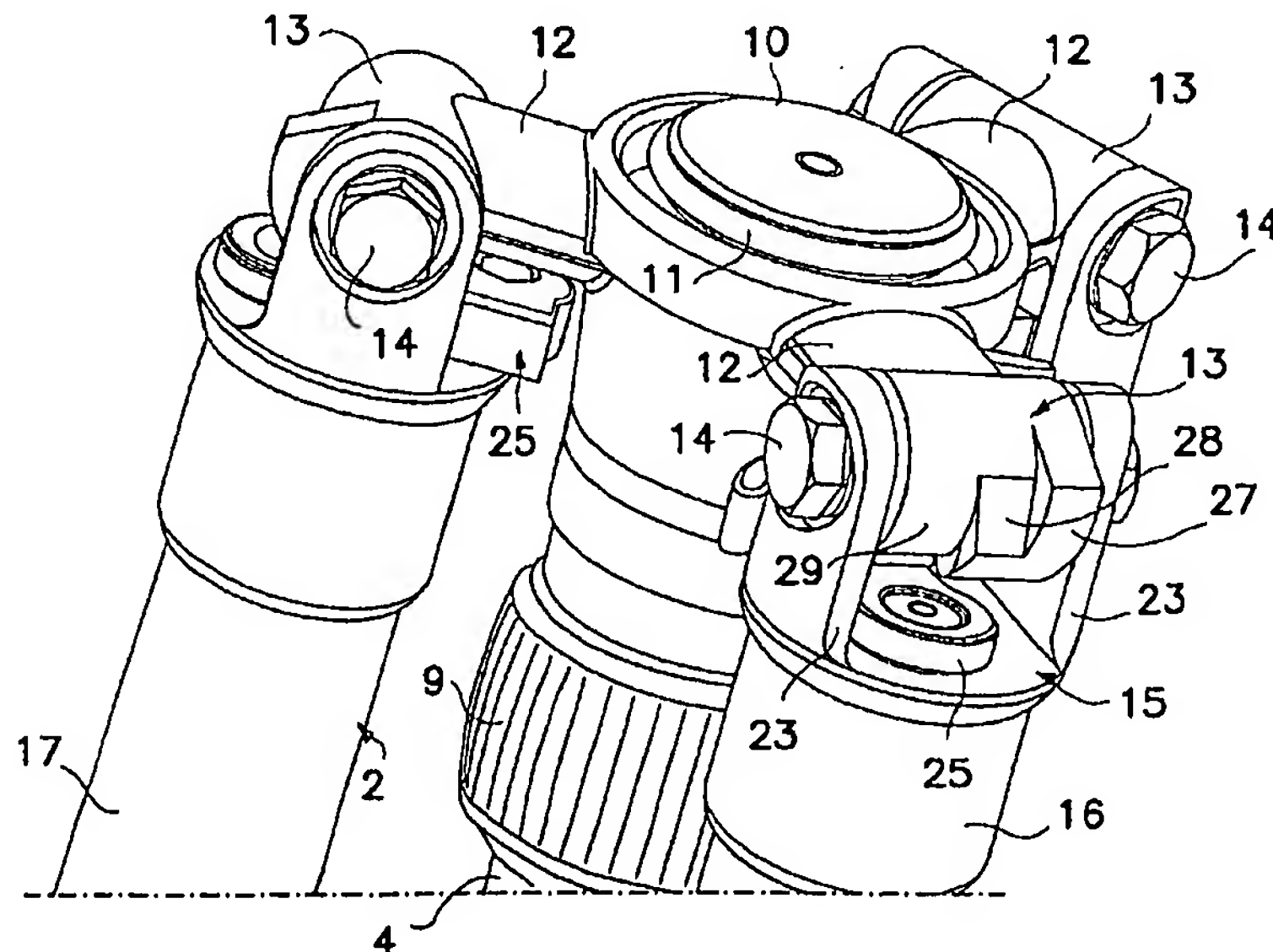
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(57) Abstract: A compact tripod (1) comprises at least three legs (2) converging on a spider (3) and hinged thereto at one end by means of corresponding hinge means (13) and counter-means (15), and a support (5) for a head (6) mounted on the spider (3) in a position such that this projects from the spider opposite the legs (2) when the tripod is open in an operating position. The hinge means (13) and countermeans (15) are designed to allow the legs to be folded back from the said part of the support (5) when the tripod is closed in a non-operating position. Additionally, the hinge means (13) and counter-means (15) comprise toothed means (27,28) and corresponding stop means (25) for the toothed means (27,28) which are capable of interacting together to limit the extent by which the legs (2) open with respect to the spider (3).

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